

1. Fire Safety Order

The Fire Safety Order (FSO) applies to all non-domestic premises in England and Wales, including the common parts of blocks of flats and houses in multiple occupation (HMOs). The law applies to you if you are:

- responsible for business premises
- an employer or self-employed with business premises
- responsible for a part of a dwelling where that part is solely used for business purposes
- a charity or voluntary organisation
- a contractor with a degree of control over any premises
- providing accommodation for paying guests

The Fire & Rescue Services role under the Fire Safety Order is to ensure the responsible person or persons have carried out the duties required by the Fire Safety Order. To do this the Fire & Rescue Service has powers to enter premises. Also persons on the premises must give the inspector such facilities and assistance he or she may request. You can read more about this inspection under the Audit process.

Your role under the FSO, means the responsible person must carry out a fire safety risk assessment and implement and maintain a fire management plan.

To view a copy of the legislation please follow the following link.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2005/1541/contents/made>